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Attorney Docket: 27280U

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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| BERTSCHINGER et al. | Conf No.: | 2146 | |
| Serial No.: | 10/574,227 | Examiner: | DESAI |
| Filed: | March 31, 2006 | Art Unit: | 1656 |
| Title: | METHOD FOR IN VITRO EVOLUTION OF POLYPEPTIDES | | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2007. The period for response expired on December 20, 2007. As such a one month extension of time is attached hereto, thereby extending the period for response until January 20, 2008, which fell on a weekend. Therefore, this response is being filed the next business day. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION